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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An analysis kit, comprising:
an analyzer for analyzing a target analyte in a sample;
a sampling tool for taking a sample, wherein the sampling tool includes an operating portion and a sampling tip; and
an adapter housing for holding the analyzer and the sampling tool,
wherein the adapter housing comprises: [[:]
an upper end,
a lower end,
a first holding portion for holding the analyzer, and
a second holding portion for holding the sampling tool,
wherein the second holding portion includes an upper opening for
exposing the operating portion of the sampling tool, and a lower opening
for exposing the sampling tip of the sampling tool,
wherein, when the second holding portion holds the sampling tool, the operating portion of the sampling tool projects out from the upper opening of the second holding portion beyond the upper end of the adapter housing, and the sampling tip of the sampling tool projects out from the lower opening of the second holding portion beyond the lower end of the adapter housing.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 1, wherein the first holding portion includes an upper opening for partly exposing the analyzer, and a side opening communicating with the upper opening of the first holding portion.
4. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 1, wherein the first holding portion and the second holding portion are separated by a partition wall, the partition

wall being formed with a cutout for communicating an inside of the first holding portion with an inside of the second holding portion.

5. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 1, wherein the first and second holding portions are integrally formed as one piece.
6. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 1, wherein the adapter housing further comprises an article holding portion for containing articles used for at least one of the analyzer and the sampling tool, or other items used in conjunction with the sample analysis or the sampling.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 6, wherein the article holding portion includes a plurality of containing rooms.
9. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 6, wherein the article holding portion is removably attached to the adapter housing.
10. (Currently Amended) The analysis kit ~~holding adapter~~ according to claim 6, wherein the article holding portion is integrally formed with the adapter housing as one piece.
11. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 1, further comprising a spacer for providing a spacing between an inner surface of the first holding portion and an outer surface of the analyzer, and/or between an inner surface of the second holding portion and an outer surface of the sampling tool.
12. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 11, wherein the spacer comprises a plurality of protrusions projecting from at least one of the inner surfaces of the first and second holding portions.

13. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 12, wherein the plurality of protrusions are bendable or removable when the analyzer or the sampling tool is inserted into the first holding portion or the second holding portion, respectively.
14. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 13, wherein the plurality of protrusions include plural kinds of protrusions having different heights.
15. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 11, wherein the spacer is formed of an elastic material.
16. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 1, wherein the analyzer comprises a blood sugar measuring device.
17. (Previously Presented) The analysis kit according to claim 1, wherein the sampling tool comprises a lancing device used for piercing a lancing element into skin.